

**Assessment of the current distribution and human perceptions of the Pampas cat *Leopardus colocolo* in northern Peru and southern Ecuador**

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL 1 Questions asked during interviews of 56 people (44 in Peru and 12 in Ecuador) to determine their perceptions of the Pampas cat *Leopardus colocolo*.

1. What is your primary occupation?
2. Are you familiar with any wild animals in the area? If so, which ones? At this point, interviewees were shown a set of 10 photographs of medium- and large-sized mammals that inhabit the Sechura Desert and seasonally dry forest: Pampas cat, ocelot, margay, domestic cat, Sechuran fox, striped hog-nosed skunk, tayra, opossum, puma, white-tailed deer.
3. If they identified the Pampas cat, we asked how they distinguished this cat from the others.
4. How do you perceive the Pampas cat? Positive, neutral or negative in terms of your daily activities?
5. Do you have any conflicts with wildlife?
6. Are these events usual? Do they occur during particular seasons or months?
7. Have you seen a predation event? How do you know which species prey upon your domestic animals?
8. What do you do to mitigate predation?
9. Have you hunted any wild animals? Why?